Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is home to 283 dairy farmers who provide a wholesome product that contributes to good nutrition of the state's families and those beyond its borders; and,

Whereas, There are 91,000 head of dairy cattle in South Dakota and the dairy industry contributes almost $1.28 billion to the state's economy each year through their production inputs, work force, and further processing; and,

Whereas, South Dakota dairy farmers follow strict protocols to provide responsible environmental and animal care on their farms and responsible practices help to make South Dakota a better place to live; and,

Whereas, The presence of dairy farms in South Dakota offers families throughout the state access to local, wholesome sources of food; and,

Whereas, Dairy farms are a significant outlet for locally grown crops, contributing to South Dakota's overall agricultural and rural economy, which carries through to our towns and cities; and,

Whereas, Consumers and dairy farmers alike benefit from increasing the intake of milk, cheese, and yogurt to at least three servings per day:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2013 as

DAIRY MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State